

## **KACD Area 2 Meeting Held in Daviess County**

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The annual Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts Area 2 Meeting was held on Thursday, February 25 at the Daviess County Cooperative Extension Service office in Owensboro, Kentucky. The Daviess County Conservation District hosted the meeting. There were approximately 50 people in attendance, and 12 counties were represented. The KACD Area 2 counties are Butler, Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, Hopkins, Logan, McLean, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Simpson, Todd, Union and Webster.

The meeting began at 9:30 am with Area 2 Director and Muhlenberg County Conservation District Supervisor Ted Jessup giving the opening remarks. Next, the acting Area 1 Natural Resources Conservation Service Area Conservationist, David Gehring, gave an NRCS report. Also, Stephanie Mitchell with NRCS made a civil rights presentation. After a break in the meeting, Kimberly Richardson, Director of the Division of Conservation, gave a report. In her report, Mrs. Richardson spoke about the Kentucky State Cost Share program, an upcoming move of the DOC to a new facility, and future KACD Conventions as well as other topics. Debbie Eubanks, employee of the Union County Conservation District and a representative for the Kentucky Association of Conservation District Employees also gave a report.

The KACD Business Session was the last major item on the agenda. Current Area 2 Director Ted Jessup was elected to another 2 year term that will begin in July. Current Area 2 Alternate Director and North Logan County Conservation District Supervisor Dr. Ernie Ezell was elected to another term as well. There were no resolutions presented to the group for discussion. The group was reminded that resolutions can be brought up from the floor at the annual KACD meeting which will take place in July. Amanda Arnold stated about the meeting, "It was very informative to hear the reports given at the meeting and learn both about the success stories and also the challenges that conservation in Kentucky faces."